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SUBJECT

Prosecution of M Seemtasamyar, Supdt Industrial School Mysore, in connection with the embezzlement of Govt money belonging to the School -

Sl 1 (G 339) $\frac{816}{29}$ of 26-7-03 From the D-G of Edn
Submits for approval certain arrangements in the Industrial School, Mysore

Sl 2 (G 395) $\frac{896}{33}$ of 27-7-03 From the D-G of Edn
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Sl 3 (G 396) $\frac{981}{36}$ of 29-7-03 From the D-G of Edn
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re Govt Industrial School Mysore and
requests sanction to the cost of prosecuting
the writer of the School on charges of
embezzlement forgery and tampering
the public records

4 (G 498) 1346/45 of 10-8 03 From the Officer in
Ch of the Govt Office
Reports further on the Industrial
School, Mysore

C 5 1332-4 of 31 8 03 To the Govt of Edn,
Comptroller
Ch Engineer
Passes orders on Sl 1

Sl-6 1574-7 of 18 9 03 To the Govt of Edn
Attorney
Public Prosecutor
Comptroller
Sanctions the prosecution of
Messrs Sreenivasamurthy and Subbiah
and approves of the cost being met
by Govt and directs the Public Prosecutor
to conduct the prosecution

Countermanded
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Sd/-
R B Shanlady

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Council matter for disposal by Circulation

Subject

Prosecution of Mr V Srinivasangar Supdt. Industrial School Alypore in Connection with the embezzlement of Govt money belonging to the School

Circulated to Councillors

By Order,

A. Wanchoo
Secretary

3 9 1903

Name	Remarks by the Councillor
P Madhava Rao Esq CIE First Councillor Sent on 3 9 03 Received on 3-9-03	This order for prosecution may issue 7/9/03.
C Sreenivasiengar, Esq Second Councillor Sent on 7/9/3 Received on 7-9-03 night	Seen - & agree - 7/9/03
	Submitted to the Dewan

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OFFICE OF
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF EDUCATION
IN MYSORE

Bangalore 29 June 1903

Dear Mr Srinivasacharyar,

I enclose herewith (1) a draft copy of the Resolutions of the Committee of the Mysore Industrial School (2) Mr Raghavachar's memo on the Audit of the accounts of the Industrial School, (3) the Superintendent's memo of explanation & (4) a memo

which I read before the Committee
I shall bring all other papers
with me for reference if
necessary, & shall be
happy to see you at the
Public Offices at 8 AM
tomorrow

Yours sincerely
HJ Bhabha

My dear Srinivasa Iyer

I quite approve
of the Committee's
recommendations
in the cases of the suspended
Head Masters & removed
Teacher. I hope Sarada
Rao is appointed
Head Mistress of
the Girls' School.
Kindly let me know
your views
at your earliest
convenience

Yours sincerely
[illegible]
31-7-03

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30/6/03

My dear Lio,

Mr Bhabha saw me about this an hour ago. He has promised an early ~~Comm~~ official communication. In the meantime he says the Committee are anxious before taking action to get from Government to obtain unofficially the approval of Government to their proposals generally. I think those proposals are all right. May I ask your kind prescription to say to Mr Bhabha.

Yours very sincerely
[illegible]

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3/7/05

Dear Mr Bhabha, not simple

In continuation of my
D.O of the 7th Instant
to the Superintendent
of the Mysore Industrial
School, I return
herewith the papers
you sent me with
your D.O of the 2nd
Ultimo - I believe both
the men you propose
temporarily to put on

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a qualified man and
that the official com-
munication promised
by you will be
expedited. What provision
will you regard
Yours Sincerely
Bleeman agency"

to the Educational dept
to make for Freeman's wages
Please in the letter of his
by the attainments in
his own line can only be
appreciated a subordinate
position in the Edl. dept
not however deem him
adapt
Since he
does not seem to
have been guilty of

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anything more serious
than gross negligence he
deal with this question
also in your official
report —— U

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Memorandum

A copy of my letter No $\frac{981}{36}$ dated 29 July 1903 to the General Secretary as herewith circulated for the information of the Members of the Committee of the Mysore Industrial School It deals with the defalcation of Rs 600 during the Assessment of Bellaveer for 1899 and the steps I intend to take for the prosecution of the school master As Government have to sanction the cost of prosecution I am writing to the General Secretary I shall however ask the Govt Advocate if I may at once place the papers in his hands in anticipation of Govt sanction in prosecution of the master may lead to further developments the superintendent also may have to be prosecuted I should have called a meeting of the Committee but that my intended departure for Bombay next week prevents my doing so

30 July 1903 H J Bhabha
Dy Commr

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Forwarded with compliments to
M. Raganekar

Personally the WS does not
understand why the Supt-t not
prosecuted no will. His whole
attitude, & his adoption of the
explanation put forward by the
writer, the falsenesss of which
he must have appreciated show
clearly that he was in collusion with
the writer, if not the promoter of
the proceedings. It is no defence that
he was away at the time the pay-
ment was alleged to have been made, & he
cannot shift responsibility on to
the writer. The WS would strongly
recommend the prosecution of both
the putting off on of a capable de-
tective to work the case up

Macnaghten
31/7

I quite agree with R/S Macnaghten. Both the Superintendent & the writer should be prosecuted. The Superintendent is primarily responsible.

A Vagarkar
31/7/03

I saw the accused Ganesh Govind Limaye & he gave me the same account as that contained in his statement. He could not explain why he had not reported the matter to the police.

1-20 PM
31/7/03

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The case appears highly suspicious against the late Superintendent
I think the papers should be submitted for legal opinion with
a view to his prosecution

3/8/03 JSwen

I quite agree with Mr Swan & would be
better to obtain legal opinion on the case
with a view of prosecuting both the Supdt. &
the Warder -

3/8/03 - 9-30 PM

Have been present at the inquiry held in the Palace
by Mr Bhabha
2 So far as the evidence sketched in the attached report
goes, there is not sufficient proof to fix any offence on
the Supdt I think it would be undesirable to launch
on his prosecution without the probability of his
conviction I would therefore want further develop
ments before he is put on his defence before
the Magte There is no doubt however as to the
culpable negligence & carelessness
3 The Writer's crime is quite patent, and he
must be prosecuted 6 8 03

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He therefore recommends that Mr M V Srinivasaragavan (who is not only utterly incompetent to hold a post requiring administrative ability but is of thoroughly unreliable character) may be dismissed from the service of Government (11)

The DSE also considers that no further investigation into the old accounts of the school is now required except in the reference to the defalcation of Rs 600 dealt with infra

4th of the letters cited above I

In his letter No 981/36d the 29th July 1903 the DSE has reported on the defalcation of Rs 600 He finds the writer of the Industrial school, who was in charge of the cash chest guilty of embezzlement and requests the sanction of Govt to prosecute him (the writer) on charges of peculation, forgery and tampering with public records the cost of such a prosecution has also to be sanctioned And at the same time the public prosecutor has to be instructed

The writer has been placed by the DSE under suspension and it is said that he will be dismissed

The DSE is of opinion that

Para (6)

that mere dismissal for such grave offences is by no means a sufficient punishment

It would appear that each the Supdt (Mr Srinivasacengar) and the Writer (Subbiah) have been directed by the DJI to make good the amount of Rs 600 and that the amount of Rs 300 recovered from the former has been kept in deposit, and that Rs 300 has been promised by the Supdt

1st of the letters cited above J F

In-GO No G 498-99/Ed d 30th July '03, the DJI's action in suspending the Supdt (Mr Srinivasacharya) was approved It was also said that a full report as to the auditing of the accounts of the School should be submitted by the DJI with her opinion as to what should be done with Mr Srinivasacengar

It will be seen from the above that Mr Srinivasacengar has been to be removed from the service

The recommendation of the Committee to appoint Mr S Rama-chandra Rao on pay Rs 70 a month as instructor of the technical classes of the Ind C

A met from the pay of Rs 150 of the Supdt (Mr S Iyengar)

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Industrial School was also sanctioned by Govt though provisionally (vide GO no J & 498-99 d 30 7-03 referred to above) H

The date on which the Supdt (Mr S Iyengar) was placed under suspension viz the 5th July 1903 has to be communicated to the Comptroller

The other recommendations viz the appointment of Mr J Ea D'Cruz, Asstt Engineer Mysore Improvement Scheme, as Secretary of the School on Rs 50 (to which the Chief Engineer agrees) and the employment of a Potter master from Henkes' Tile works, Hesroke, on Rs 30 a month have to be sanctioned, the proposed charge being met from the balance of Rs 80 a month of the Supdt (150-70=80)

The recommendation of the DPI that Mr D'Cruz may be appointed member of the School Committee is also subtd for orders

2D of the letters cited above G

The DPIs letter no 863/30 d the 25th July 1903 does not seem to require orders But it throws some light into the qualifications and

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and other particulars regarding
the H. G. Ramachandra Rao
who was appointed Instructor
of the Technical classes, which
were collected (Miscellaneous no. 3)

TCC
3/8/03

Subd to Secy Ind 4/8/03

The Prosecution of the Writer
may be sanctioned The Public
Prosecutor to be authorised to
conduct it Draft submitted

The Supdt's suspension is such
by deserved and it is certain
also that he cannot be trusted
again as Supdt Probably his dismissal would be pushed but
since the I.G. & the Committee think
that there is not proof enough to
prosecute him should not this
reference be heard on definite charges

The arrangements about the
School (Appointment of Mr Dr Benz &c)
may be effected as a tentative
measure Draft but my

HS
P.T.O. 8/8/03

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RA 14-8-03

X. The Dewan through
the 2nd Councillor

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Subd Letter No 1346/45

D the 10th August 1903 received from the Dfk is subd in continuation

It is stated therein that Rs 600 (the amount of rent not paid into the Palace Treasury) has been paid by the subdt (Mr M V.S Iyengar) and it has been deposited in the Govt Savings Bank at Mysore

Letter marked Red ink

Rel 11/8/03

This letter contains the opinions of the Members of the Committee, some of whom are for prosecuting the Supdt also.

Subd to Secy with 3 drafts

12/8/03

I am sorry I was not able to deal with this earlier

I agree to Draft I & II which deal with the arrangements proposed and with the funds available for meeting the cost thereof.

Draft No 3 does not go far enough. It directs the prosecution of the Dewan only. The opinion of some of the Members of the Committee, & am of opinion that the Superintendent should also be prosecuted.

I There is enough in the Robbins Report No. 981 Colet Hertz Ultimo 36 to warrant the action of the Cuban Public Prosecutor that he should be requested to take immediate action to the contrary should Government

The Trust and the matter are both under discussion & there should be dismissed the charges which for Parliamentary purposes may be taken to acquit them clearly established they from irregularities culpable neglect of duty and responsibility of character not embezzlement forgery and fabrication On the Report however orders may be received the result of the Prosecution - The matter connected with the House Real - is a most serious one and as observed by the Macaulay with which the Wagadon and the Kaufers the

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are agreed, the Draft we are
in collusion with the Workers
of not the Promoters of
the Proceedings. Hence
claimed be carefully
worked up and placed
before a Magistrate as
quickly as possible, the
Present School authorities the Dpt of Education
and the Police Academy
~~all necessary~~ each
Their Connection
of Illegalities

7/8/03

The Draft for Examination

(1st) the other draft is coming

Progress Visit
28.VII.03

A draft as regards the
prosecution of the Deputies and
the Workers of the Industrial
School is submitted for the
The prosecution of the
Deputies (Duma Rs 150) requires
the sanction of Govt under
Sec. 197 of the Cr. Pro. Code

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as he is not removable from office except with ~~such~~ the sanction of Govt. under Clause VII of the Schedule of the Rules of Business &c, the prosecution of public servants &c being by law the previous sanction of Govt, is a Council matter

Submitted to the Dewan through the 2nd Councillor

29/8/03

I agree. The offr is not removable from office without the sanction of Govt. The Law Prosecution is a Council matter

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Revolver as surrender
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case - proper
by Cr Pr

Report
3/9/03

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3/9/03

Submitted to His Highness

The subject of the Industrial School during the year - I some - several years - has been much discussed & much attention given to it - It is proposed to present here and the same subject will be treated 9 1853

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Record of Case submitted for the orders of His Highness the Maharaja

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Subject

Prosecution of Mr V Srinivasiengar, Superintendent, Industrial School, Mysore in connection with the embezzlement of Government money belonging to the School

Order

1069 Sanctioned

~~KRW~~

11/9/03

ordered accordingly

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Hm 12/9/03

GR 14/9/03

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No 860/29

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF EDUCATION IN MYSORE
Bangalore, 26th July 1903

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From

H J BHABHA, ESQ, Ma
Inspector General of Education in Mysore,

To

H V Nanjundayya Esq, M a, B L,
Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
General & Revenue Depts,
Bangalore.

SIR

I have the honour to inform you that at a meeting of the managing Committee of the Mysore Industrial School held on the 28th June 1903 the following resolutions were passed

"I That Government be informed that the Committee consider the present Superintendent to have shown himself from a business point of view to be absolutely incompetent to hold charge of this institution The Committee therefore suspend him from his duties and direct that he may hand over charge immediately to Mr M Srinivasa Rao BA Deputy Inspector of Schools Mysore District South

"II That a recommendation be made to Government that he be removed from

his present post The Committee are of opinion that he is unfit for employment in any capacity which requires administrative ability

"III That for the purpose of carrying on the work of the school temporarily Mr. M Srinivasa Rao B A Deputy Inspector of Schools be placed in charge of the duties of Superintendent and that the help of a qualified assistant be given to him for the instruction of the technical classes

"IV That the appointment of temporary Assistant be offered to Mr. M G Ramachandra Rao on Rs. 70 to be met from the pay of the Superintendent."

2 In accordance with the above resolutions Mr. M. V Srinivasaiengar Superintendent was suspended from the 5th Instant and was relieved of all current duties of the school on the afternoon of the 4th Instant, Mr. M Srinivasa Rao B A having taken charge of them Mr. M V Srinivasaiengar has been giving over charge of all moneys, materials, tools &c since the 5th Instant, but the work of giving over detailed charge has been interrupted by his illness from dengue fever.

3 I have with the concurrence of

the Committee made the following arrange-
ments for the future working of the school
Mr. M G Ramachandra Rao who has quali-
fied himself as a Mechanical and Electrical
Engineer from the Bombay Jubilee Institute
has been appointed on probation as Techni-
al Instructor on Rs 70, which amount
will be met from the savings of the
Superintendent's pay of Rs 150 From the
remaining Rs 80, Mr. J E A D'Cruz
Assistant Engineer, Mysore Improvement
Scheme, is appointed Secretary of the school
on Rs 50 a month, and a skilled and
practical Potter Maistry from Henke's
Tile Works Feroke who is able to make
glazed drainage pipes will be shortly
engaged on probation on a salary of Rs 30,
the services of the present Potter maistry
being retained only so long as they are
of use - The paid Secretary will be bound
to spend at least an hour at the school
every day and will be responsible for the
disbursement of all moneys, the correspond-
ence, and the administration of every
department of the school - The new Potter
Maistry will it is hoped be able to develope
the Pottery department and supply the

large quantities of drainage pipes which will shortly be required for the Improvement Scheme of Mysore City The Chief Engineer has consented to the appointment of Mr. D'Cruz as Secretary of the School

5 I recommend that Mr. D'Cruz may as Secretary of the School be also appointed member of the School Committee

6 I request that these arrangements may be approved by Government at their earliest convenience A report on the audit of the accounts of the school will shortly follow

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
H J Bhabha
Inspector General.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF EDUCATION IN MYSORE

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From

H J BHABHA, Esq, M A,
Inspector General of Education in Mysore

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To

H V Nanjundayya Esq, MA, BL,
Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments,
Bangalore.

SIR

I have the honour to inform you that the accounts of the Mysore Industrial School were lately found in such confusion that it was thought advisable to engage the services of a P W D accountant specially to audit the accounts. He worked for several months and submitted a memo on the facts ascertained by him with bulky appendices A to J. He also prepared a comparative statement of Machinery, Tools, Materials and all other articles in stock as they should be found in the school according to the account books of the school and as they actually were on 31st December 1902 when the Superintendent took stock

The Superintendent has furnished an explanation of the differences found according to the above comparative statement

2 Mr. A S Nagavakar the Superintending Engineer and Honorary Secretary made a brief report on the Memorandum prepared by the D P. W Auditor A copy of this report is herewith enclosed

3 The Committee of the Industrial School held two long meetings on the 27th and 28th June, at which all the above papers together with three special instances in which lump sums varying from Rs 200 to 50 drawn by the Superintendent were not fully or satisfactorily accounted for by him were carefully considered. At the meeting on the 27th the Inspector General read out to the Committee a memorandum stating his opinions formed after a study of all the papers placed before the Committee. It was unanimously resolved by the Committee to suspend the Superintendent for absolute incompetence and recommend to Government his removal from the post of Superintendent.

4 A subsequent discovery of the misappropriation of Rs 600 the house rent of the year 1899, and the inquiries which were made in connection with it brought

to light the astounding facts that ~~the~~ cash balances of hundreds of Rupees and the cash chest were left for years in the sole possession of the school writer on Rs 20, that the cash was not counted at all as it should have been once at least in a month, that the cash book was not maintained after the close of the year 1899, and for some time before the book was abandoned no certificate of verification of cash which originally was appended to the monthly cash accounts was added On the misappropriation of the houserent of Rs 600 I shall make a separate report. These gross irregularities as well as those shown up in the reports and records placed before the Committee convince me not only of the utter incompetence of Mr M-V Srinivasaraghavan to hold any post in which administrative ability to deal with large sums of money is required but also of his unreliable character Though definite charges of peculation and wilful tampering of accounts can not be formulated against him from the investigation that has proceeded till now, I am morally convinced that his character is wholly unreliable and that he is given to misstatements of facts and false excuses, which render him quite unfit

4 8 to hold the place of a teacher of youth in any other branch of the educational service He is a graduate who received his high education in the Mysore Colleges at but little cost, and after graduating he was given I believe a monthly scholarship of Rs 25 for a period of five years to receive a high artistic education in the Madras School of Arts At the end of his educational career he was appointed to the responsible post of Superintendent of the Mysore Industrial School in December 1894 He did fairly good work for some time but since 1896 when he was appointed Honorary Secretary of the School there was no bound to his irregularities and neglect of duty. He has repaid the Government that educated and employed him by his disgraceful mismanagement of the Industrial School. For years he has failed to answer the questions put to him by Government, to take stock, to put the accounts of the School in decent order, to answer questions from the Inspector General's office, to furnish vouchers for which sometimes so many as twelve reminders had to be sent, to answer the questions put to him by the Honorary Secretary, and

to give reasonable assistance to the Auditing clerk. He and his writer did everything in their power to prolong and frustrate the auditors inquiries into the accounts For these misdeeds and incorrigibility alone he deserves to be dismissed from service I am convinced that so much irregularity and neglect of duty can not be merely the result of incompetence, but that it was his interest to throw the accounts into confusion and place every obstacle in the way of an inquiry. I can not believe that he was unable to control his writer He must have had reasons of his own to wink at the irregularities of his writer

5 Under these circumstances I am of opinion that no further investigation into the old accounts of the school is now required except with reference to the defalcation of the housecrent of 1899, and to recommend that Mr. Sr V Srinivasaiengar who is not only utterly incompetent to hold a post requiring administrative ability but is of thoroughly unreliable character may be dismissed from the

Service

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Service of Government.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
H J Bhabha
Inspector General.

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Report to accompany the memo on audit of accounts of Government Industrial School at Mysore.

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1 The School was opened from 1st February 1892

2 From commencement to 30th November 1895 Mr. Theobald was in charge of the School - Mr. M V Srinivasaraengar has been in charge from 1st December 1895

3 The accounts from commencement to 31st December 1902 or for a period of 10 years and 11 months were audited after compiling new statements of accounts

4 The total amount spent during the whole period is Rs 1,23,060-10-2 Of this sum about Rs 31,141 were spent during the first period of 3 years and 10 months and the balance Rupees 91,919-10-2 during the remaining period of 7 years and one months, during the time of Mr. Srinivasaraengar.

5. The accounts of the first period were found to be satisfactory

6 The accounts of the second period up to end of May 1899, when late Store Keeper Narain Rao services were dispensed with, are generally in fair order From 1st June 1899 the accounts of nearly three years are in a state of great confusion. Many registers were not posted properly and some not posted at all.

7 Most of the irregularities and omissions detailed in the accompanying memo, took

place during the time Mr. Srinivasaiengar was Provisional Secretary in addition to his duties as Superintendent of the school -

8 Purchasing articles from private individuals instead of directly from Firms, keeping Govt. money in hand without paying it to proper parties or remitting it into the treasury drawing money on one purpose and spending it after a long lapse of time on different purposes are some of the grave irregularities

9 Not posting into registers all the articles purchased from time to time and not keeping any account of large advances made to Firms are some of the serious omissions -

10 Mr. Srinivasaiengar has not yet disposed of the reference from Government dated December 1901 regarding taking & valuing stock and tools in hand - He has not disposed of several queries made on the subject of irregularities although his pay was stopped continuously for six months - Without having the results of stock taking and his explanation, it is not possible to state the extent of deficiency and loss of stock and tools and of remissness in the discharge of his duties

11. From what I have seen during the past more than one year I have no hesitation in stating that Mr. Srinivasaiengar has signally failed in managing the institution and therefore in my opinion he is quite unfit to hold its charge - Not only he is wanting in tact & business habits, but most unpopular with

the students and the school staff. I am satisfied that we can expect no improvement in time, in making the institution self supporting or paying its way to any appreciable extent. The results so far are very discouraging showing loss on items of expenditure on which profit might have been expected

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27/6/03

(Signed) A S Nagarvakar
Honorary Secretary

'True copy'
A J Bhabha
Inspector

The audit of the school accounts shows the very unsatisfactory state in which they have been kept in recent years - The forms & system of accounts do not appear to have been clearly laid down at any time by the successive Honorary Secretaries who were mostly D P W officers and therefore supposed to be acquainted with the D P W System of accounts - Mr. Standish Lee was for many yrs. Hon. Secretary and he was succeeded by Mr. Sitaram Rao & Mr. D'Cruz It was expected however that the system of accounts kept in their time would be satisfactory for all practical purposes - Govt. were unable to find a D P W officer to take up the duties of Hon Secretary after Mr. D'Cruz resigned, about 1896, and they were obliged to appoint the Superintendent himself as Honorary Secretary to the Committee The account books are numerous and the system of accounts cumbrous But the present unsatisfactory state of accounts appears to me to be due not so much to the system as to the careless and irregular way in which they have been kept If the existing books had been maintained with care, they should have formed a fairly complete system to satisfy all inquiries -

From a careful perusal of the papers prepared by the D P W clerk, there do not appear to be good Grounds for prosecuting the Superintendent on a charge of criminal misappropriations, though the irregularities are such as to cast strong suspicions on the honesty of the Superintendent When moneys were drawn for a specific purpose and applied to other purposes a long time after they were drawn, necessarily there arose occasions for doubt There were two removals of the

School, the first removal cost only 25-7-6 and yet the Second is reported to have cost Rs 150, which was the provision in the budget for the removal. Every time the School was removed, temporary sheds were newly erected. What became of the materials of the old sheds is not known. House rent drawn month after month was not paid off but allowed to accumulate sometimes for six months These irregularities convince me that there were occasions when serious doubts about the honesty of the Superintendent were justifiable.

To the unsatisfactory State of the accounts has to be added the general inefficiency of the Superintendent in managing the workshops. He is a good artist himself having had a five years' training in the Madras School of Arts after he passed the B A Degree Examination. He is very good in Drawing Designing and Modelling and has had special training in Pottery But he has shown no businesslike qualities. He is unable to command the respect of his masters or pupils or to manage each department in such a way as to make the realisations balance the expenditure. There were always complaints that he did not supply things wanted by the masters from the stores or obtain them from the market in time There were occasions when the articles purchased by him were said to have been bought at unjustifiably high prices, which raised to too high a figure the price of the articles manufactured Moreover the Superintendent has always made great delays in answering questions put to him by the Govt. or the Department or the Hon Secretary, and many inquiries he has not answered at all up to date, although his pay was stopped for a period of six months.

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Under the above circumstances I am of opinion that Mr. R V Srinivasacharyar has proved a complete failure, and the sooner he is replaced by a practical, honest and industrious Superintendent the better.

27th June 1903

(Signed) H J Bhabha
Inspector General.

'True copy'
H J Bhabha
Insp Genl

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF EDUCATION IN MYSORE

No 281/36

Bangalore 9th July 1903 ~~140~~

From

H J BHABHA Esq Ma
Inspector General of Education in Mysore

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To

H V Nanjundayya Esq M A M L
Secretary to the Government of Mysore
General and Revenue Departments Bangalore

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that in November last the Ag Controller of the Palace wrote officially to say that the rent of Hill-View for the year 1899 was not paid though the rent for the subsequent period up to the time of vacating the house had been paid Mr M V Sreenivasa Iyengar the Superintendent of the Mysore Industrial School was asked if the rent for 1899 was paid and if so to state when it was paid He wrote to the Palace Controller as well as to the Inspector General that Rs 250 the amount of houserent from January to May 1899 was paid into the Palace Treasury on 30th December 1899 and that Rs 350 being the amount of houserent due for seven months from June to December 1899 was paid into the Treasury on 16 th November 1900 The Superintendent was asked to send the Treasury Receipts for the two payments In his docket No 226 dated 17 March 1903 he said that the Treasury Receipts for the houserent of 1899 were sent to the Inspector General on 30 Sept 1901 with a D O letter copy of which he enclosed The copy which is not authenticated stated that the Treasury Receipts were sent with reference to a D O letter of the Inspector General calling for them and that along with the Treasury Receipts a detailed account of the Prize grant of Rs 120 of 1899-1900 was also enclosed

That I called for the houserent vouchers in a D O letter and

and that they were sent to me in a D O letter by the Superintendent appeared to me incredible It is not the custom of my office to ask for houserent vouchers from any school as houserent is usually drawn on the monthly establishment bill and entered in the acquittance roll the signature of the landlord when payment is made being taken in the acquittance roll or his formal receipt being attached to the roll Nor are houserent vouchers sent as a rule to the Comptroller to the Government of Mysore The story of the D O letter forwarding the houserent vouchers to the Inspector General was a pure fiction as the sequel will show and the detailed account of the Prize grant of 1899-1900 alleged to have been sent with the houserent vouchers on 30th September 1901 had actually been sent to the Inspector General by the Superintendent with his official docket No 130 dated 21/20 June 1901

2 Mr Srinivasa Iyengar even so recently as the 28th June 1903 asserted that the houserent of 1899 had been paid into the Palace Treasury and sent with his docket of that date copies of what he called " four available references " bearing on the payment of the rent viz (1) Copy of Docket No 103 dated 30th December 1899 from the Superintendent to the Palace Treasurer remitting Rs 250 (2) an Extract from the Cash Book of date 30th December 1899 (3) Copy of a delivery note dated 16th November 1900 attached to the delivery book and forwarding Rs 300 and initialled " ಲ್ಲ 12 A M " and (4) copy of docket No 60 dated 21st October 1900 but despatched on 1o the Novem-ber 1900 from the Superintendent to the Palace Treasurer remitting Rs 300 Besides the above so-called proofs of payment the writer on the 4th July 1903 sent with a letter to the Superintendent a deli-very note remitting Rs 200 to the Palace Treasury on 30th December 1899 on which " Received Rs Two Hundred and Fifty M V S " is en-tered This delivery note the writer pretends to have discovered on the floor of his office room among old records on the 4th instant

3 The Palace Controller in his letter No 3 dated 30th June/1st July 1903 says that no credit entries for the two alleged payments of Rs 250 and 350 were found in the Cash Books of the Palace

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Palace on the dates mentioned and that the Cash Books had been shown to the Superintendent

4 Mr Srinivasa Iyengar then seemed to realise that the alleged proofs of payment on which he had been relying were all fictitious and in his Memorandum dated 9th July 1903 he admitted that the dockets to the Palace Controller remitting the sums of Rs 200 and 300 were not genuine nor were the amounts actully sent He said that the delivery notes produced were fictitious and that on 10th November 1900 when the alleged remittance of Rs 300 was made to the Palace Treasury he was away in Madras

5 In company with Mr A S Nagavakar Honorary Secretary of the School I made a long and careful enquiry into all the facts bearing upon the two alleged payments into the Palace Treasury for 3 days from the 22nd to the 24th instant I shall deal with the circumstances of the alleged payment of Rs 250 first

6 I found that docket No 160 dated 30th December 1899 was not received at the Palace Treasury and that the Press copy bearing that number in the book in which all " To " dockets are press-copied in the Industrial School was in darker and fresher ink than the ~~666~~ copies preceding and following it and was evidently an interpolation Moreover the numbers of the two immediately preceding press copies were plainly tampered with and altered respectively from 105 and 160 to 164 and 100 evidently to make room for the interpolated docket No 166 There is however another press copy bearing the genuine number 164 before the one whose number has been altered from 165 to 164 In the Postal despatch book of the School against date 30-12-99 is entered the genuine docket No 100 which is addressed to the District Forest Officer of Mysore This is a further proof that docket No 100 addressed to the Palace Treasurer of the same date and press copied is fictitious The debit entry in the cash book on 30th December 1899 of the houserent amount of Rs 250 shows the date scratched and blurred and the words " as per voucher accompanying " referring to the receipt of the voucher at the end of the entry are evidently an after addition The delivery note which the write

writer alleges to have discovered on the floor of the office on the 4th Instant is not genuine Neither the words ' Received Rs Two Hundred and fifty ' nor the initials 'M V S ' are in the writing of Mr M V Seshagiri Rao the 2nd Sheristadar of the Palace Treasury Mr M V Seshagiri Rao has signed in full both on regular Treasury Receipts and in the delivery book for other remittances received by him There is no resemblance whatever between the genuine writing of Mr M V Seshagiri Rao and the forged writing and initials on the delivery note and Mr M V Seshagiri Rao when he was shown by me the delivery note before the Palace Controller swore that the writing on it was not his

7 Similarly for the alleged payment of Rs 350 into the Palace Treasury a delivery note dated 16-11-1900 which bears the initials "ಲ್ 12 A M " and which is pasted in the delivery book is produced The initials are presumed to be those of Mr Lakshmi Nara-simhaiya Sheristadar of the Palace Treasury After covering the body of the delivery note with paper I showed to Mr Lakshmi Narasimhaiya only the initials and the words 12 A M in the presence of the Palace Controller Mr Lakshmi Narasimhaiya swore that neither the initials nor the words in English were in his writing In another place of the same delivery book he was shown merely his initials and the hour of delivery for an actual payment into the Treasury and he readily admitted them both as his writing The houserent for the months of June and July 1899 was drawn on 2nd November 1899 and that for the five months from August to December 1899 was drawn in June 1900 from the District Treasury It will be seen that the houserent of June and July 1899 was alleged to have been remitted to the Palace Treasury fully one year after it was drawn and that for the five succeeding months fully five months after it was drawn The alleged remittance of Rs 350 to the Palace Treasury was made with a docket No 65 dated 21st October 1900 but despatched on 10th November 1900 This docket does not appear in the Press Copy Book On the other hand there is another docket in the book No 65 addressed to Doddiah the Storekeeper of which the number is altered to 00 This docket

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docket to Doddiah is plainly entered as No 55 in the delivery book There is no doubt that some one in order to make believe that docket No 65 to the Palace Treasurer was genuine altered the number of the docket to Doddiah from 65 to $\frac{66}{a}$ He altered the number to $\frac{55}{a}$ as there was a genuine docket No 66 in the Press Copy Book Ihis tampering *fit* with the numbers of the dockets in a different ink leaves no doubt that whoever misappropriated the sums was guilty of it There are no press copies of numbers 54 to 65 in the Press Copy Book The writer explain the fact that docket No 65 to the Palace Treasurer was dated 21st October 1900 but not despatched till 16th November 1900 by saying that he had not the houserent money with him and had to wait till the Superintendent gave it to him on 16th November 1900 By the statements made before me it has been proved that all moneys were kept in one cash chest which was always in the sole charge of A V Subbiah writer and of which he himself kept the key It has also been proved to my satisfaction that the Superintendent was in Madras from 20th October 1900 to 19th November 1900 He could not have given the houserent money to the writer on November 16 1900 as alleged by the writer

8 From the above facts I am convinced that A V Subbiah the School writer has (1) misappropriated Rs 600 the amount of houserent for 1899 (2) that he has forged the two delivery notes and also forged the initials of the Superintendent on one of them (3) that he has tampered with the cash book entry on 30-12-99 and the numbers of the dockets in the Press Copy Book The same writer also embezzled other small sums of Rs 18-8-10 and Rs 8-10-2 out of scholarship amounts drawn from the Treasury which were undisbursed Rs 2-8 recovered from Mr Swami Rao the Masonry Master Rs 2 sale proceeds of a screen and Rs 2-8 other sal proceeds These amounts received recently should have been but were not in the cash chest when Mr M Srinivasa Rao the Deputy Inspector took over charge of the chest on 13th July 1900 Ihese amounts have subsequently been made good by the writer on the 14th and 21st July It is possible more embezzlements may be discovered during the inquiry which is in progress

9 Under the above circumstances I request that Government

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Government may be good enough to order at their earliest convenience the prosecution by The Public Prosecutor of A V Subbiah writer of the Industrial School on charges of embezzlement forgery and tampering with public records, and to Sanction The Cost I have already suspended him and shall dismiss him but I need not say that mere dismissal for such grave offences is by no means a sufficient punishment

10 As the defalcation of the houserent has occurred on account of the culpable negligence of the Superintendent who left all moneys amounting to several hundreds of Rupees with the School writer on Rs 60 who had not furnished any security and who was not appointed cashier but only school writer I called upon the late Superintedent in my docket No 663/222 dated 20th July 1903 to make good at once the amount of Rs 600 which was drawn from the Government Treasury but has not been paid into the Palace Treasury With his letter dated 25th July 1903 the Superintendent has remitted Rs 300 to Mr M Srinivasa Rao B A and he promises to make good the remaining Rs 300 at an early date The amount of Rs 300 already paid will be kept in deposit Writer A V Subbiah has been informed in this office docket No 947/360 dated 29th July 1903 that from the enquiries made by the Inspector General he feels convinced that the writer is responsible for the loss of Rs 600 the houserent of Hill-View for 1899 and that he should make good the loss at once

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

H J Bhabha

Inspector General

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From T R Lee Esqr Inspr of Schools Mysore

To H V Ramachandrayya Esqr Inamdar
Secretary to the Govt of Mysore
Home & Rev Depts

No 1346
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Dated 10th August 1903

Received

(Mysore)

No of Inclosures 1 file

Subject

(Reporting further on the Industrial School, Nagar.

Put up on the file
about the case
This requires no further
orders at present.

10/8/03

I have included the substance
of this letter also in the
Office Note. RL
12/8/03

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF EDUCATION IN MYSORE

No 1316/45 Enclosure 1 file Bangalore 10th August 1903

From J R Venkatasawmy Nayudu Esq BA
~~H.J. [illegible]~~ In charge of the office of the
Inspector General of Education in Mysore

To

H V Vanjundayya Esq Ma, Mr L,
Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments,
Bangalore-

SIR,

In continuation of this office letter No 981/36 of the 29th ultimo reporting upon certain irregularities connected with the Industrial School, Mysore I have the honour to submit in original for the orders of Government the opinions of the Members of the School-Committee on the subject

Mr. M V Srinivasa Aiyangar, Superintendent of the school, now under suspension, who had already paid Rs 300 out of the Rs 600 due to the Palace Treasury on account of rent for the Hill View, has since paid the

remaining Rs 300, and the whole amount has been deposited in the Government Savings Bank at Mysore in the name of the present Superintendent Mr M.G. Ramachandra Rao

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J R Venkatasubbaiah Nayudu

Incharge of the office of the

Inspector General.

Mysore Govt Gen & Rev Secretariat

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Office Draft

Progs of the Govt of H H the Maharaja of Mysore

Read letter o 860 / 29 dated the 26th July 1903 from the I G of Education in Mysore submitting for the approval of Govt certain arrangements the Govt Industrial School at Sore in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee of management

Order. It is reported that Mr I V Sreenivasiengar, Supdt of the said School, who has been placed under suspension, was relieved of ~~all the current~~ his duties on the 5th July 03 and Mr I Sreenivasa Rao, B.A, Deputy Inspector of Schools, Sore South, ~~have~~ has taken charge of them This fact is recorded and communicated to the Comptroller ~~accounts~~ for information. It is presumed that Mr M / Sreenivasa Rao who was put in charge of the current duties of the Supdt so early as the 1st April '03 (vide the I G's letter o

No 8819/306 dated the 11th April '03 and the G O No 15868 /Fd F 4-96 dated 5th May 1903)did not cease to do those duties after the 26th April '03 as then reported but continued to do them till the 5th July '03,the date from which the present arrangement, will be presumed is ~~supposed to~~ take effect

2 besides the appointment of Mr M G Ramachandra Rao as instructor of the Technical Classes on pay Rs 70 a month to be met out of the pay of the Supdt (Mr M V Sreenivasiengar),sanctioned in G'O No 498-99dated the 30th July '03 the following arrangements are, ~~proposed for sanction~~ sanctioned as recommended by the School Committee,the charges being met from the balance of Rs 80 out of the pay of the Supdt

1 The appointment of Mr J F A D'Cruz,Assistant Engineer,Mysore Improvement Scheme,as Secretary of the School ~~on~~ with allowance of Rs 50 a month

11 the appointment of a skilled and practical Potter Maistry from

from Henke's Tile Works, Feroke, on a salary of Rs 30 a month, the services of the present ~~entten~~ Potter Maistry being retained only so long as they are of use

~~3. The appointment of Mr. J.E.A. D'Cruz, as an Additional Member of the Committee of management is also proposed for sanction.~~

4 The appointment of Mr D'Cruz as Secretary of the School on Rs 50 a month and the appointment of a skilled and practical Potter Maistry on Rs 30 a month are sanctioned

5 As suggested by the Inspector General the Secy ~~shall be bound to~~ will be required to spend at least an hour at the School every day and shall be responsible for the disbursement of all moneys ~~xxxxx~~, the correspondence and the administration of every department of the School

6 Mr D'Cruz is, as recommended, also appointed an additional Member of the Committee of management of the School and a Notification will be published in the usual

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Gazette to that effect

Secretary.

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To

The I G Fdn in Mysore

" Comptroller, Mysore Govt

" Chief Engineer of Mysore

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Letter no 896/33 - dated the 27th July 1903 from the I G of Education in Mysore reporting on certain irregularities including embezzlement of public money and falsification of accounts in the Govt Industrial School at Mysore, and recommending the dismissal of Mr N V Sreenivasangar, the Superintendent of the School from Service

Letter no 981/36 dated the 29th July 03 from the Same Officer requesting Sanction to the prosecution of the Master of the Industrial School, Mysore, ~~on certain Charges~~ in connection with the above charges and to the cost there of being borne by Government

Letter no 1346/45- dated the 10th August 1903 from the

2/ the same Officer Submitting
in original for the orders
of Govt the opinions of the members
of the Industrial School Committee
on a memo circulated to
them by the I G of Education
regarding the irregularities
brought to light in the Industrial
School

Order thereon No G 1574/7 Dy 18-9-03

Agreeing with the
majority of the members
of the School Committee
Government direct the
prosecution of the Superin-
tendent Mr M V Sree-
nivasiengar and the
Writer A V Sambiah
who appear to have em-
bezzled Govt money and
falsified accounts, the cost
of the prosecution being borne
by Govt

2 The Public Prosecutor of Mysore is requested to conduct the prosecution

3 The present School authorities, the I G of Education and the Police will render all necessary help in this connection

The I G of Edn will take the necessary steps for the purpose in consultation if necessary with the Dy Cr & Dist Magte of Mysore

14/9/03

H H's Secretary

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To

The I G of Education

Dt Magte, Mysore in Mysore

~~Public Prosecutor, Bangalore~~

~~I G of Police in Bangalore~~

The Comptroller to the Govt